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RAMAZ OPENS WITH RECORD ENROLLMENT

Five Seniors are Semi-Finalists in National Merit Competition

Ten Letters of Commendation

We are proud to announce that the Ramaz School, sponsored by our congregation, has opened its thirty-eighth year with the highest enrollment in the history of the school. There are now, thank God, 703 children in Ramaz from Nursery through Grade 12.

Speaking of Grade 12, we congratulate five members of the Senior class who have earned Semi-Finalist ranking in the National Merit Competition. This is the most prestigious scholarship competition throughout the country. In addition, ten students have received letters of commendation.

Honduras Help

While Ramaz students are perhaps best known for their spirited work in behalf of Israel, Soviet Jewry, and other such projects, their social conscience is not limited to Jewish national boundaries. Immediately upon seeing the news of the destructive hurricane in Honduras, the Social Service Committee undertook to collect thousands of dollars of food and clothing from students as well as storekeepers in the neighborhood. The collection was dispatched to the central location in New York City which was responsible for sending relief supplies to that battered Central American country.

In addition, the students contributed \$150 in direct funds to help the citizens of Honduras. Elsewhere in this Bulletin there appears a photograph showing part of the relief effort.

Visit by Silva Zalmanson

As this Bulletin is being mailed, the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz is meeting Sylva Zalmanson, the heroic Prisoner of Conscience who was released from Soviet imprisonment at the end of August. Mrs. Zalmanson is visiting Ramaz as one part of her program here in behalf of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. It is a tribute to our student body's involvement in Soviet Jewish affairs that this heroic personality has come to our school.

TO PROTEST THE INVITATION OF A MURDERER TO ADDRESS THE U.N.

Every Jew in New York

Must Attend

THE MASS DEMONSTRATION on Monday, November 4th

at 12:00 Noon

in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
47th Street and 1st Avenue

Sponsored by the President's Conference

Hundreds of Thousands of People Are Needed!

BLESSED ARE WE TO HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY

The world Jewish community has reason to thank God for the historic event which it witnessed on Friday, October 18, in the form of the exchange of letters between Senator Henry Jackson and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The exchange of letters marks a high point in the lengthy struggle for the rights of Soviet Jews, a struggle which has accelerated and reached this partial conclusion through the instrumentality known as the "Jackson Amendment."

The Kissinger Letter

The letter of the Secretary of State contains the following promises:

1. Harrassment and punitive action against individuals seeking to emigrate from the USSR will be stopped. A potential emigrant will not be fired from his job or be demoted to tasks beneath his professional qualifications.
2. No unreasonable or unlawful impediments will be placed in the way of potential emigrants, such as requiring parental permission, letters of reference, etc.
3. Applications for emigration will be processed in order of receipt. So-called security risks may be denied emigration visas only for a specific amount of time. They must be told when they will receive the visa.
4. Hardship cases will be processed sympathetically. Persons in prison will be given prompt consideration for emigration upon their release. Sym-

pathetic consideration may be given to the early release of prisoners of conscience.

5. The number of emigrants will rise appreciably until it corresponds to the number of applicants.

The Jackson Letter

In response to Mr. Kissinger's letter, Senator Jackson, in accordance with the agreement, made certain specifications which it is assumed the United States Government and the Government of the Soviet Union have both accepted as binding.

1. Among the punitive actions against potential emigrants that will be stopped are: conscription into the armed forces, criminal actions against such persons and imprisonment of same.
2. So-called security risks will become eligible for emigration within three years of the date on which they were last exposed to allegedly sensitive and classified information.
3. We expect that the number of emigrants will rise to the number of applicants and will, therefore, exceed 60,000 per annum. This will be considered as the minimum standard of initial compliance with this agreement.
4. "Finally, in order adequately to verify compliance with the standards set forth in these letters, we understand that communication by telephone, telegraph and post will be per-

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**Sermons: November 2 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
"Are You for or Against?" A Non-political, Pre-election Sermon.
November 9 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein**

YOUTH CORNER

Freshman—Sophomore Shabbaton

A Freshman — Sophomore Shabbaton will take place the weekend of November 22-23 at Kehilath Jeshurun. A weekend of activity, fun, and learning is in store for all! For more information, contact David or Ricki Bernstein at 289-4921 (evenings).

ONEG SHABBAT FOR JUNIOR HIGHERS

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to an Oneg Shabbat at the home of David and Ricki Bernstein, 425 East 86th Street, Apt. 2B, on Friday night, November 15, from 7:30 - 9:30. The topic for this Oneg will be their recent trip to the Soviet Union. A Shabbat atmosphere of food, good talk, and singing will prevail.



Sarena Kaminer and Beth Levine, Chairmen, Social Service Committee at Ramaz, with part of the collection for Honduras.

Citation for Bernd Katz

We are proud to announce that our own Bernd Katz, was the recipient of the Police Department Civilian Commendation Bar, together with a Certificate of Commendation, for an "heroic and unselfish act." Mr. Katz single-handedly apprehended two armed robbers fleeing from the scene of a holdup on October 13, 1971. The Honor Committee of the Police Department recently presented Bernie with an award for this action, as well as for a similar action in September of that year.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Lanny Binstock, Dr. Morris Block, A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mrs. Herman Elfenbein, Mrs. Louis Etra, Philip Jadek, Asher S. Levitsky, Bruce David Linzer, Saul Linzer, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Emil Ramat, Mrs. Gabriel J. Robbins, Samuel S. Silverstein, Mrs. Herman Smilow, I. Robert Wassner, Mrs. I. Robert Wassner and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Daffner, Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gura, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan D. Meseloff, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Schimmel, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrik J. Schwartzberg and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall.

Special Birthday—

Mazel Tov to our dear member, Mrs. Malvina Wachter upon celebrating her 75th birthday with all her children and grandchildren during this past week. May she be able to celebrate her 80th and then many more in good health and in the company of her loving children.

Engagement—

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lorch upon the an-

nouncement of the engagement of their son, Steven, to Shari Ginsberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ginsberg of Miami Beach. We hope that the wedding will take place in health and in good fortune.

Communal Honors—

We are proud to congratulate our esteemed member, Dr. Gisella Perl, who is being honored together with Dr. Howard Rusk, as the principal guest of honor at the Annual Dinner Dance of the New York Chapter of Hadassah which will be held on November 17 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. Dr. Perl is an outstanding gynecologist, known throughout the world not only for her great skill as a physician, but also for her research projects.

Member in Print—

We are pleased to note the appearance of a learned article by our esteemed member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, entitled "What Should a Jewish Law School Be?" The article appears in the current issue of **TRADITION** and discusses some of the specific contributions which are being made by the law school at Bar Ilan University and which can be made by the two law schools that are about to be founded by Yeshiva University and Touro College. The article is a fine contribution to an important contemporary issue.

Belated Thanks

In reviewing our Sukkah experience, we omitted to express our gratitude to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lukashok, who provided us with several cases of Cotes De Provence wine which is made in France under the supervision of the Bet Din of Paris. The diners in the Sukkah enjoyed this gift of the Lukashoks very much. Many thanks!

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Elected First Vice Pres. of Yeshiva University's Rabbinic Alumni

We are proud to congratulate Rabbi Haskel Lookstein upon his election as First Vice President of the Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni Organization. The Rabbi has played a leading role in that organization for the past ten years.

We are happy that his colleagues have honored him in this manner and we look forward with special anticipation to the next election in this

organization, which we hope will be of very special significance to the Rabbi.

Caveat Emptor

It has come to our attention that many products in the biscuit and cracker family, both domestic and imported, are no longer kosher. The reason for this is that vegetable shortening is in short supply while animal fats are cheaper and more available.

The result is that many products which used to be made with vegetable shortening are now made with animal fats. It is important that the buyer look at the ingredients on the package even if he has been accustomed to relying upon the vegetable nature of the product.

One of our members who imports the Grielle Biscottes (crisp toast) informs us that this item which for the past twenty years was made with vegetable shortening, is now made with animal fats. There are some old stocks still available but the community is cautioned to check the ingredients very carefully.

Blessed Are We (Cont'd)

mitted." (This is one of the most crucial necessities for the health and well-being of Soviet Jewish activists. Ed.)

The Meaning of This Agreement

This exchange of letters reflects all that we have been asking for during the past years. It represents a great communal triumph for American Jewry and a serious concession on the part of the Soviet Union. It is an indication of what American Jewry can do if it is ready to get out in the streets and demonstrate, pressure members of Congress and take other forms of community action in order to press its humanitarian concerns upon the world.

The agreement also makes us very proud of America. The United States had nothing to gain from this exchange of letters and perhaps a great deal to lose. The issue was a purely moral and humanitarian one, fought to its conclusion by dedicated members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, ranging from Senators Jackson, Javits and Ribicoff to Representatives Mills and Vanick, to mention but a few of the hundreds of congressmen who were involved in this effort. Above them all stood the Senator from Washington who, without a Jewish constituency to speak of, took up this position and has earned the gratitude of the Jewish community the world over and the respect of all Americans who believe in freedom and human dignity.

The Role of The Kehilath Jeshurun Community

It is gratifying to consider how deeply the Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz communities have been involved in this effort. Almost two dozen of us have already visited the Soviet Union on various types of missions. Kehilath Jeshurun for Soviet Jewry, an organization founded 2½ years ago, has contributed thousands of dollars to this effort in ways which cannot even be made public, but which were

of decisive value in furthering this struggle.

KJSJ maintains an active telegram bank which responds to every crisis and which brings the opinions and feelings of American Jews to the attention of American and Soviet officials alike. Letters between our community and Soviet Jews are constantly exchanged; packages are sent; and we have been influential in sending many more people on the kind of mission in which we ourselves have been involved.

What Is To Be Done Now?

Our great satisfaction at this agreement should not give way to a feeling of euphoria. It would be unrealistic to expect the Soviet Union to honor this agreement to the letter. It becomes our job to monitor the agreement and, together with other Jews around the world, to hold the Soviet officials to every principle contained in these letters. This will mean fact-finding visits, telephone calls, telegrams, letters, and all forms of information gathering and dispensing methods.

Above all, it will no doubt mean future demonstrations in the streets of our city to be sure that the Soviet Union knows that we care and that we will not allow a retreat from the 60,000 figure or from any of the other matters contained in the agreement.

This is a time for congratulations to all Americans and to all Jews, to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, to the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and to all those who have been involved in this struggle and who now rejoice in these new developments. But this is also a time for resolve: to be ready, to be watchful, to be concerned, and to pray regularly for our Soviet Jewish brothers and sisters in order to ensure that "the lost ones will come from [Russia] and the dispersed from the land of [Communism] and they shall worship God on the Holy Mountain that is Jerusalem."

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMUNITY

From: Susie Eisenstat and Harry Kleinhaus,
Co-Chairmen, KJSJ

Now is the time for all of us to prepare for the next stage in the struggle to free Soviet Jews. As the article in this Bulletin indicates, we will need your help in order to do the job well. If you would like to be part of this effort, known as Kehilath Jeshurun for Soviet Jewry, please record your name, address, and telephone number on this form and send it to us, care of the Synagogue Office, 125 East 85th Street, with a contribution of \$10 or less in order to help us with our work and to establish yourselves as members of KJSJ.

Name

Address

Telephone No.

**Abe Beame
To Be Honored**

**Yeshiva University Chanukah
Dinner, Sunday, December 8**

The Waldorf Astoria will be the scene of the annual Chanukah Dinner in behalf of Yeshiva University. Mayor Abraham D. Beame will be the guest of honor. As usual, this is the central function of the season for Yeshiva University at which we all have an opportunity to demonstrate our support for this finest institution of Jewish learning in the country.

The Kehilath Jeshurun effort for this dinner is being spearheaded by Joseph Lorch, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, who is serving as our Chairman for this dinner. We would appreciate your giving him every support, which in this case means making your reservations to attend the dinner in response to the invitation which you have already received.

In the event that you have not received an invitation, but would like to attend this dinner, please call the Synagogue Office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Of Community Interest

We note with pride that our good friend and fellow worshipper at Kehilath Jeshurun, Elie Wiesel, will be the recipient of the Rambam Award, presented annually by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. The presentation will be made at the Annual Scholarship Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on Sunday, December 1. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was the recipient of this award in 1972.

You are invited to
YOUTH SABBATH

November 9th

Participants:

Cantors

Keith Barany
Douglas Zippel
Binyamin Shodofsky

Torah Reading

Andrew Abraham
Steven Berkowitz
Steven Koppel
Robert Meislin
Neil Mosesson
Roger Mosesson
Douglas Zippel

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, November 1

Lighting of Candles4:35
Evening4:50

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayera
Haftarah: II Kings 4

Evening4:45
Conclusion of Sabbath5:29

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening4:45

FRIDAY, November 8

Lighting of Candles4:25
Evening4:45

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Haye Sarah
Haftarah: I Kings 1

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on
Friday, November 15.
Evening4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath5:21

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening4:40

A Thought

Everyone should have two pockets so that he can reach into one or the other, according to his need. In his right pocket he should keep the words: "For my sake the world was created." In his left pocket: "I am dust and ashes."

(Rabbi Simcha Bunam of Pzhysha)

YAHREZITS

November

- 1—Jacob Poust
- 1—Meyer Som
- 1—Selik Gurewitsch
- 2—Rose Wolberg
- 2—Charles Buttermann
- 2—Herman Winter
- 3—William Etra
- 3—Simon Lavine
- 3—Samuel Kaufman
- 3—Dora Golding
- 4—Max Silverstein
- 5—Lazar Wohl
- 6—Lillian Rothstein
- 6—Simon Gross
- 6—Margurite Popkin
- 7—William Kirshon
- 7—Israel J. Kay
- 7—Elvera Dorris Waldman
- 8—Marcus Schuman
- 8—Samuel Feiner
- 8—Kreine Fishel
- 8—Osher Litwin
- 8—Isidore Etra
- 8—Mayer Grossman
- 8—Irma Jacoby
- 8—Sylvia Lustingman
- 8—Albert Warner
- 8—Betty Cohen
- 9—Albert Levey
- 10—Meyer Rothstein
- 10—Anne Kasse
- 10—Sarah Jaspán
- 11—Frank Mandelbaum
- 11—Minnie Bartel
- 11—Herman Cukor
- 11—Mark Heublum
- 12—Yetta Usdan
- 12—Charles Kasse
- 13—Harry H. Holzman
- 13—Max Theaman
- 13—Charles E. Davis
- 13—Batsheba Fischel
- 14—Abraham I. Fine
- 14—Joseph Lax
- 14—Ctliá Shanman
- 14—Irving Anshel
- 15—Theodore Simon
- 15—Samuel Weiss
- 15—Simcha Kurtz
- 15—Frieda Kahn
- 15—Julius Klein
- 15—Morris Zuckerman
- 15—Morris Lewittes
- 15—Morris Kite

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SCHEDULE**

Shabbat, 3:15 P.M.
Parshat Hashavua
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Shabbat, 4:00 P.M.
Talmud
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Sundays, 9:15 A.M.
Talmud, Berakhot
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Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M.
Talmud Kiddushin (for women)
No class on Election Day,
Tuesday, November 5th
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**Tuesday, November 5 and 19th
12:15 P.M.**

Midtown Talmud, Kiddushin, Office
of Lawrence A. Kobrin, 540 Madison
Avenue (near 53rd Street)
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Wednesday, 8:00 A.M.
Maimonides' Code
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Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.
Hebrew to Read Siddur By
* * *

Sunday, November 10, 8:00 P.M.
Sunday Night Studies, Prof. Bernard
Mandelbaum, home of Dr. and Mrs.
William Major, 40 East 84th Street.

A Private Request

On Rosh Hashanah a worshipper in our congregation gave Mr. Elie Wiesel a copy of Emek Ha-bacha. Would that person please get in touch with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Neediest Cases Fund

Our thanks to: Mrs. Eugene Alpert, Mrs. Jack Farkes, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Bertha Klein, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. William G. Lebowitz, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. Samuel Singer, Mrs. Leon Spilky, Mrs. Malvina Wachter, Mrs. Robert Wallach and Mrs. Jess Ward for their contributions to the Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

**Clara Gross
Happy Day Fund**

Many thanks to Mrs. Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern and Mrs. Abraham Silver for their contributions to the Clara Gross Happy Day Fund.

All contributions may be sent to Mrs. Leo Davenport, 145 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, or to the Synagogue Office, c/o Happy Day Fund.